

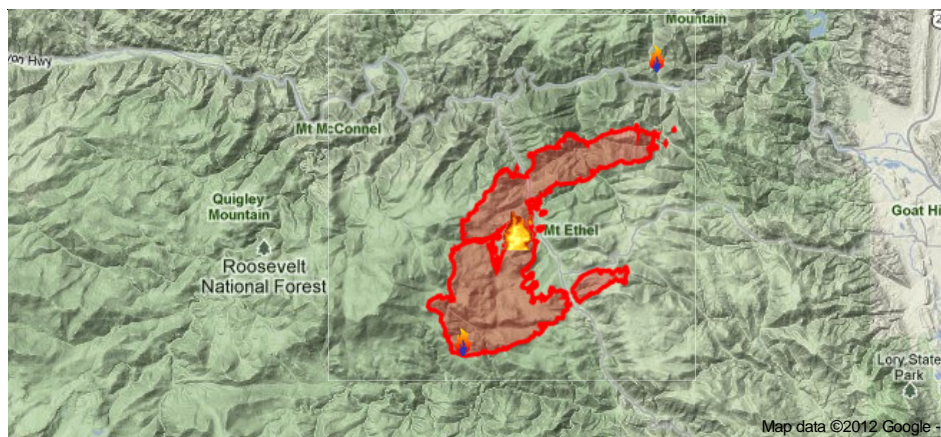
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High Park Fire

INCIDENT UPDATED 49 MIN. AGO

Approximate Location

40.589 latitude, -105.404 longitude [reset view](#)



Incident Overview

The High Park Fire is approximately 15 miles west of Fort Collins and **burned an estimated 14,000 acres and continues to grow.**

Evacuations have been ordered for Stove Prairie Road north along County Road 27 to Highway 14, east along Highway 14 to approximately mile marker 111, southeast to Rist Canyon Fire Station 1, then back west to include Wilderness Ridge Way, Rist Creek Road, Spring Valley Road and County Road 41 and all of the roads that run off of it. All of Rist Canyon (west of 27E) and all roads off of it, including Whale Rock Road and Davis Ranch Road. South 3 additional miles on County Road 44H to just north of Stringtown Gulch Road. At 11:10 P.M. an evacuation alert has been sent to the Poudre Park (along Highway 14) area from mile marker 111 to mile marker 118. Additionally Highway 14 from Ted's Place to Stove Prairie is closed, as well as Stove Prairie Road and Rist Canyon. Additional evacuations as of approximately 5 a.m. Sunday include all residents from County Road 27E to Bellvue and for the area south and west of Bellvue, including Lory State Park and Red Stone Canyon, and Buckhorn Road from Masonville up to Stove Prairie School. Evacuation ordered for CR 29C and McMurry Ranch Road (33 notifications). Nearly 1,900 notifications (contacts, not residents) have been sent for evacuations on this fire.

New evacuation ordered for Bonner Peak Subdivision (183 notifications). And, for Buckhorn Rd from CR27 to Pennock Pass and residents to the south approximately 3/4-1 mile. (69 notifications).

Visibility concerns exist along Highway 287 due to smoke. The road is closed from 54G just south of Ted's Place to Owl Canyon.

The Cache la Poudre Middle School (McKee Building at the Budweiser Event being merged back to the middle school) is set up as an evacuation center. Media briefing Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the staging area located Watson Lake State Wildlife Area in Bellvue. (From LaPorte, go 1 mile west on County Road 54G (the main road through town) to County Road 52E (Rist Canyon Road), then 1 mile west (left) to the property entrance on the west side of the river.) Citizen briefing at 3 p.m. at the Cache la Poudre Middle School in Laporte.

Eighteen structures are confirmed lost or damaged and others are threatened. No details about the structures are available. Firefighters will continue to evaluate the area as it is safe to do so. Evacuations have happened quickly. Public and firefighter safety is our priority. One of the management objectives is to keep the fire within a boundary identified as north of Buckhorn Road, east of Pingree Park Road, South of Highway 14, and west of Boyd Gulch/Redstone Canyon. However, the fire has crossed Highway 14.

Basic Information

Incident Type	Wildfire
Cause	Unknown
Date of Origin	Saturday June 09th, 2012 approx. 05:54 AM
Location	appx. 15 miles west of Fort Collins
Incident Commander	Will Briggs

Current Situation

Total Personnel	250
Size	14,000 acres
Fire Behavior	Active fire, wind driven
Significant Events	Evacuations in place (see above).

Outlook

Planned Actions	Eight 20-person crews and other firefighters on scene Sunday. Air resources on scene include: 5 Single Engine Air Tankers
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	(SEAT); 2 Type 1 Helitankers; 2 Type 3 Helicopters; 3 Heavy Air Tankers; Air Attack; and Lead Plane. Approximately 15 engines are on scene. A Type 1 Management Team has been ordered and are expected to take over management Monday morning. Additional ground, air, and engines have been ordered.
Growth Potential	High
Terrain Difficulty	areas of rough terrain and beetle killed trees
Remarks	Small animals can go to the Larimer County Humane Society and large animals can go to The Ranch. Weather is expected to be cooler today, but winds of 15-20 mph with gusts up to 40 mph out of the northwest are expected. As of 3 p.m. winds are predominately coming out of the west. Single digit relative humidity is also expected.



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